

Library Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 29, 2013: 4:00
Conference Room, Roy O. West Library

Present: Jonathan Nichols-Pethick (Chair), Jason Fuller, David Gellman, Brian Howard, Geoff Klinger, Rick Provine, Bruce Sanders

- I. This meeting began by talking about the proposed Open Access Policy.
 - A. Rick offered an overview of the current state of status of Open Access. He noted the shifting model in academic settings in terms of maintaining intellectual property rights, housing faculty publications internally, and providing open access to the same to the public.
 - B. Rick noted that the key question that animates this movement is the question of authorial rights, and the desire to get away from giving up intellectual property rights to journals who then turn around and charge us a fee to access it.
 - C. Rick noted the dilemma that exists in professional ranks, however, given that publishing in academic journals are often still expected in tenure and promotion cases.
 - D. David raised the issue of a lack of adequate access to others' work.
 - E. Bruce responded that the evidence suggests that when you move to an Open Access model, readership skyrockets because readers no longer have to pay to access your work.
 - F. David asked if we would still have access to J-Stor and other journal databases. Rick responded that these would be separate, but their would be an obvious desire to boost our own collections.
 - G. David raised the concern that the end result of the shift in models would mean that the role of academic journals would be squeezed out, and that this would be a shame because some of these journals have a significant history of editorial judgment for decades.
 - H. Bruce responded that Open Access journals still have editorial control.
 - I. It was noted that we would need administration support to transition to this model, and it would be prudent to consult with the administration about faculty and administrative support for such a move.
 - J. David sought some additional input on where the money comes from to run Open Access journals. Bruce responded that many charge a modest author's fee, but that they remain committed to a non-profit model.
 - K. David asked about whether there would be different treatment of articles and books. Rick responded that these are different enterprises.
 - L. Geoff asked whether or not the library could simply adopt the Open Access policy without faculty consent. Jonathan noted that the current default position is that we currently have the option available to choose. Bruce further elaborated that we currently have the software to make the switch. We

agreed that a faculty 'buy in' to support this initiative and transition would be important insofar as the faculty would be the key contributors to the project.

- II. We next turned our attention to the library renovation plans in the works, and other library updates.
 - A. Rick noted that he had discussed plans to renovate the library with VPAA Larry Stimpert, and Larry has indicated that this initiative would likely be a part of a new capital campaign. Larry is soliciting feedback on how and what to renovate that is largely based on student needs. In addition, he emphasized the desire to work within current spaces, not expand the library, although all options are on the table.
 - B. Rick noted that the integrated library system was updated on July 1. He noted that it took a lot of staff time, that the transition has gone well, and there are no significant outward changes, but that internally the process is much better and user friendly. He also noted that the digital library initiative, housing material on a local server, and linking it to the cloud is also moving forward.
 - C. Rick announced the publication of *Sustainable Librarianship* by Mandy Henk, and the committee commended her good work.
 - D. Rick noted that light fixtures in the library had been replaced, and that we have applied for state rebates incentivizing this move.
- III. After some internal discussion, Geoff was elected chair for 2013-14.
- IV. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00